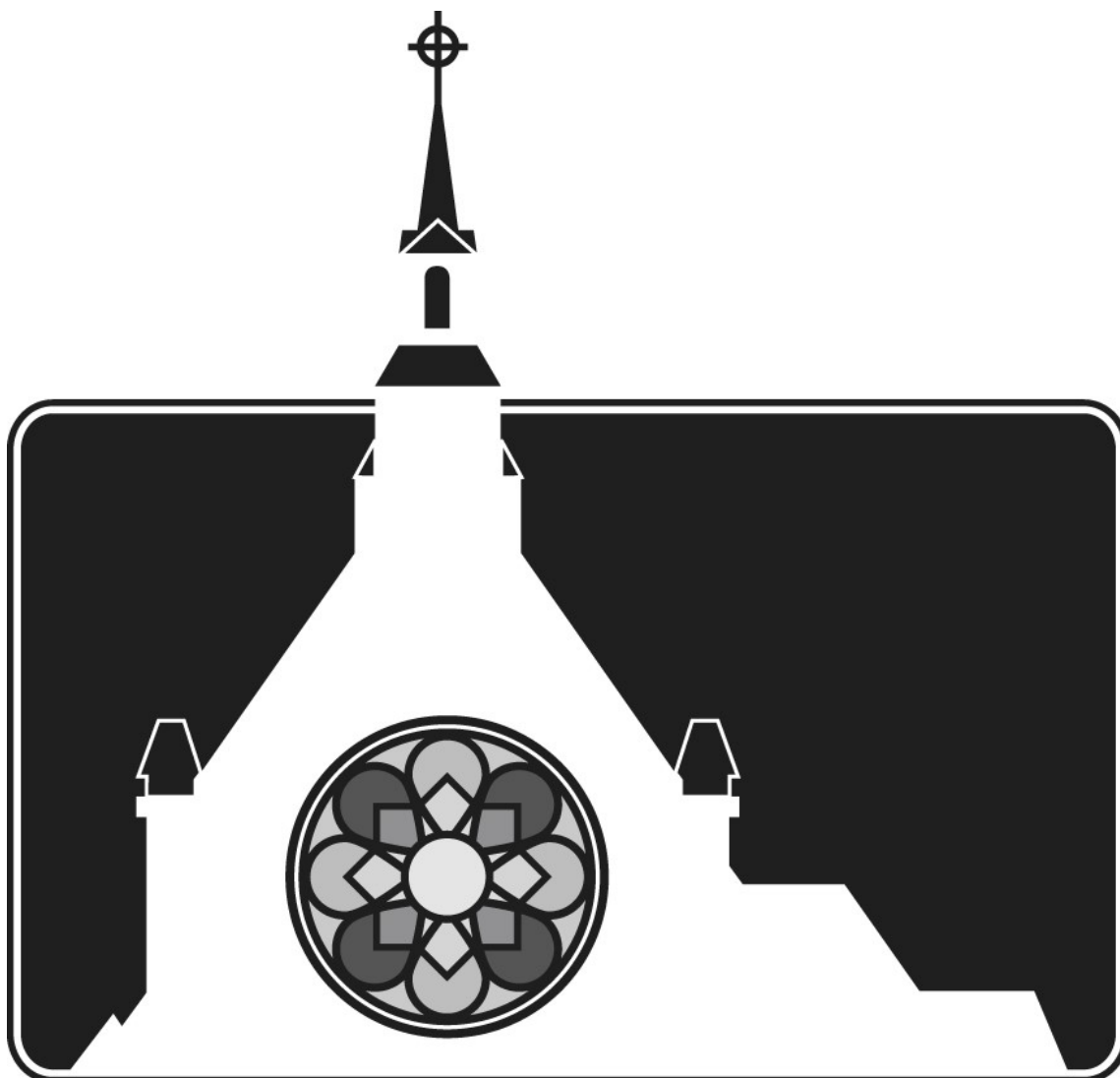




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 14, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Kommt her zu mir, spricht Gottes Sohn, BuxWV 201

(Come to Me, Says God's Son)

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707, German)

*INVOCATION

John Krienke

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 139 (stanzas 1, 3-5) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 139

John Krienke

One: O Lord, you have searched me and know me.

All: You know my resting and my rising. You know my thoughts from afar.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely.

One: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high, beyond my reach.

All: It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my
mother's womb.

One: How wonderful are your works – I know this right well.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum
of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to
the end – I am still with you.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:15-16, 18-19a

John Krienke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O How I love Jesus

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(Hymnal 179, refrain)

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

[Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through
5th grade) will leave for Church School]

***GOSPEL READING** John 1:45-51

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

(Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896)

ANTHEM

We Would Offer Thee This Day

- Jane M. Marshall

We would offer thee this day, O God, with sobered minds what we are: that to the enrichment of our life, and of all life, thou mayest make of it what thou wilt. Grant us to be weary at last of our own too safe and cautious lives, and from thy certain Presence here to bring back into this defeated world some liberating sense of that inheritance which has always been ours, except for our poor dealing with it. So fulfill in us what thou didst intend when thy hands shaped us, and of thy grace fit us for thy service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SERMON

More Will Be Revealed

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Sing to the Lord

arr. by Alice Parker

Sing to the Lord, ye heav'nly hosts, and thou, O earth adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts stand trembling at His power.
His sounding chariot shakes the sky; He makes the clouds His throne;
There all the stores of lightning lie, till vengeance darts them down.
His nostrils breathe out fiery streams, and from His awful tongue
A sov'reign voice divides the flames and thunder roars along.
Think, O my soul, the dreadful day, when this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea and fling His wrath abroad.
Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.
The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne and to adore the Lamb!

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 383** (stanzas 1-4) This is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasie - Johann Sebastian Bach
from *Fantasie und Fuge a-Moll, BWV 561* (1685-1750, German)

Our Prayers of People this morning incorporates words written and prayed by
Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke.

We pray for the family and friends of **Maria Pierantozzi**. We also pray for **Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, the Stotts family, Lovely Varghese, Paul Larson, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.**

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We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.



Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall. We look forward to connecting with you!

Children's Ministry. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 years). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at the end of 2nd Hour programming (12:30) back in the classrooms. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to the Youth Room below the sanctuary for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy snacks and games and discuss their faith together. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Book Discussion Group. During the month of January, Pastor Paul leads a discussion of *Everything Happens for A Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. We hope you'll join us for this conversation and time of connection each Sunday in January (11:30-12:30p).

Congregational Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, February 4. Our annual financial meeting will be held after worship on February 4. We have important work to do together and we hope you'll attend. We'll vote on this year's budget, name membership changes and honor those in our community who have died over the past year, and share a potluck meal together. As we honor those who have died, we will share about the art memorial that is underway to celebrate Pastor Stacey's ministry. A copy of the financial report will be made available on Sunday, January 28. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages (as well as plates and utensils). If your last name begins with A-D, please bring a salad or vegetable; begins with E-M, please bring a potato, rice, or pasta dish; or begins with N - Z, please bring fruit or a dessert. Volunteers will be ready to receive your meal donation in the kitchen before worship. Please provide heating or refrigeration directions and be sure that your dish and serving utensil are labeled with your name. Children and teens will join us for lunch following their programming.

Loving Our Neighbors! You are an important part of the hospitality we offer to our unhoused neighbors in February. We will be hosting the Daytime Warming Center for another two weeks (Feb 5-9 and Feb 12-16). There are many ways to show love to our neighbors.

You Gave Me Food: You can provide a portion of a lunchtime meal to be served each Tuesday. All offerings should be brought to church by the Sunday before the scheduled meal. You can provide a lunchtime meal as a household or with a group from church on Thursdays or Fridays.

You Gave Me Clothing: You can purchase underwear, socks, and other items through our Amazon Wish List. Simply choose the items you would like to purchase and when prompted to choose the shipping address, click "First Baptist Church's Gift Registry Address." Items will be shipped directly to church.

Sign up online at fbca2.org/connect or stop by the ministry station in the hallway to indicate how you plan to offer hospitality. Indicate which food item or whole meal you'll provide and/or which items you have purchased through the Amazon Wish List. Questions? Please contact one of our Here Anchor Team Members (Mary Davis, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Tom Gebhardt, and Xan Morgan).

Special Appeal Update from our Moderator, Robbie Stapleton

Dear Friends - many of you are wondering about the results of our recent appeal for increased financial pledges. I am happy to report that several households responded with increasing their pledges or deciding to pledge. With this new pledged total, together with a portion of our dear Vern Jensen's estate, we have met our financial goal for 2024 and can present a balanced budget to the congregation with no cuts to the ministries of our boards. God's work requires this kind of commitment, and I am grateful to be part of a community so willing to make it. "Keeping the lights on" in our beautiful, old building takes money; so does shining our light in the name of Jesus Christ throughout our community. Thank you for shining so brightly.

Membership Matters! Membership is about responding to God's call to take the next step in your spiritual journey, and to belong to a community of people who are striving together to do the work of God's limitless love with purpose and passion. By becoming a member of First Baptist Church, you are making a commitment to partner with us as we seek together to claim, cultivate, and proclaim the good news of God's love for our world. Your commitment will make a positive difference in your life, in the life of this church, and in the world around us. **How do I become a member?** That's a great question, and we're glad you asked! The first step is to come to our Inquirers Gathering on Sunday, January 28 (3:00p-5:00p, at the Morgan home, 2614 Page Court). This relaxed gathering offers an opportunity to get to know each other, learn more about First Baptist Church, hear how you can connect with the life and ministry of this congregation, ask questions, and get some insight into what membership at FBCA2 means. If you can't attend the gathering, you can contact Pastor Paul to indicate your interest in learning more about church membership.

The Gathering is our campus ministry. This semester we will meet on **Wednesday** nights from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Paul Duke (psduke718@gmail.com).



Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.

Calendar

January 17	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
January 18	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
January 20	Concert 4aCause @3:00p at Northside Church
January 28	Inquirers Gathering @3:00p
February 4	Annual Congregational Meeting @11:15a
February 5-16	Host Daytime Warming Shelter